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SUBJ: IMCO: MARITIME SATELLITE CONFERENCE - ALLEGED
SOVIET LAUNCH OFFER.

L. MAY 2 LONDON TIMES CARRIES ARTICLE HEADLINED
"RUSSIAN OFFER TO PROVIDE ROCKETS FOR SATELLITES".
LEAD SENTENCES READ "THE RUSSIANS HAVE OFFERED TO
PROVIDE ROCKETS FOR EUROPEAN AND THIRD WORLD
COUNTRIES TO LAUNCH SATELLITES. IN THE PROCESS THE
SOVIET UNION COULD BREAK THE DOMINATION OF THE
AMERICANS OVER THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPACECRAFT FOR
COMMUNICATIONS, WEATHER FORECASTING, SCIENTIFIC AND
OTHER WORK IN THE WEST. THIS UNEXPECTED MOVE
IN RUSSIAN POLICY, EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY WITH STRONG
CONNECTIONS WITH MILITARY PROJECTS, WAS MADE IN A
COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONFERENCE,
WHICH WAS CONSIDERING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GLOBAL
SATELLITE SYSTEM FOR THE SAFETY AND NAVIGATION OF
SHIPS."

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2. IN CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS USSR DEL WE WERE TOLD

THAT NO SUCH STATEMENT MADE OR AUTHORIZED BY USSR
DELEGATION. WHEN QUERIED, ATSEROV (MERCHANT MARINE
MINISTRY) SAID "IT'S AN INTERESTING ARTICLE".
KOLOSISOV (MFA) AND KOLODKIN (RESEARCH INSTITUTE
OF MARITIME TRANSPORT) SAID PRIVATELY THE USSR STANDS
READY TO CONSIDER LAUNCHES FOR OTHER NATIONS IF
TERMS AND CONDITIONS MUTUALLY AGREEABLE BUT NO EFFORT
NOW BEING MADE TO PROMOTE FOREIGN USE OF USSR LAUNCH
SERVICES. USSR DELEGATION CLAIMS NO KNOWLEDGE OF
ARTICLE'S SOURCE AND EXPECTS QUERY FROM MOSCOW
DEMANDING EXPLANATION, AS SOON AS MAY DAY HOLIDAY ENDS.
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